



## Fact Sheet

### Caring for our Cemetery - Bequests and Donations

#### How you can help?

Maintaining the history and beauty of Bellbrae Cemetery requires a strong community effort and we can all play a part. As a self-funded, not-for-profit Trust, we draw our income from sales, grants or donations in order to operate. Government or council does not fund the Cemetery.

All funds raised are devoted to maintaining and enhancing the cemetery as well as providing for its future. We are deeply committed to preserving our cemetery's heritage and history. Sadly, some graves do become neglected over time and we do our best to show them care and respect.

#### Bequests & Donations

When it comes to providing a special place to remember, and be remembered, individuals, families and community groups can make a huge difference by offering financial support. Any contribution, large or small, will help to preserve the history and environment of our beautiful, distinctive setting. This includes:

- **Bequests**, which are 'gifts' included in an individual's will and distributed at settlement of the estate. It may be a specific amount or it could be a percentage.
- **Donations** - can be given at any time by individuals or families. e.g. some families remember their loved ones by making a small, but valued, gift on their loved one's birthday or anniversary.

#### How to Leave a Bequest

After providing for those closest to you in your Will, please consider leaving a bequest to the Bellbrae Cemetery Trust. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated and makes a difference.

#### Steps in leaving a bequest

- Make an appointment with your solicitor to draw up your Will, or review your existing Will.
- Choose the type of gift you might like to leave, including:
  - A Residuary bequest: This is the most effective way to support the Trust – it is a percentage of your estate. As a residuary bequest maintains its value over time.
  - A Dollar amount: You nominate an exact dollar amount to gift to the Trust.
  - Specific items: Anything of value, such as shares, property, jewellery or art works, may be named in your Will and bequeathed to the Trust to realise for the benefit of the cemetery.
- Discuss with your solicitor the appropriate wording for your Will, e.g. "I devise and bequeath the whole of my estate (or ... % of my estate, or the residue of my estate...whichever appropriate) to Bellbrae Cemetery Trust, P.O. Box 611 Torquay, 3228 - ABN 66 353 062 527
- Discuss and share your wishes with your family and loved ones.
- Advise the Trust of your gift so we can thank you and keep you informed of our activities.

If you have any questions about making a gift in your Will or a donation, please contact us. We commit to your privacy and confidentiality at all times.

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